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At the Annual Meetings of the Association held in 1955 and 1956 the Committee on Juvenile Delinquency, then headed by Judge Harlan M. Calhoun, of Moorefield, as Chairman and Judge Arlos J. Harbert, of Clarksburg, Vice Chairman, submitted timely and enlightening reports on the subject of juvenile problems with studied recommendations. Considering the comprehensive and profound nature of these reports, each reflecting praiseworthy work on the part of the committee, it is a regrettable fact that little or no discussion followed either controversial analysis, as thus presented. It has been the opinion of the members of the Executive Council that the purport and substance of these papers should not be lost in the Association archives, but that the related issues should be kept alive to the point of some positive action. Accordingly, a subcommittee of the Council, acting in conjunction with Judge K. K. Hall of Madison, the new Chairman of the Committee, is arranging a panel discussion on this vital matter as a part of the program of the oncoming Annual Meeting at White Sulphur Springs. This will be an outstanding feature of the 1957 session and should have the enthusiastic support of all in attendance.

As now contemplated, a meeting of the Executive Council at the call of the Chairman will be held during the month of May to which all Vice Presidents of the Association will be invited. One purpose of the joint conference is to establish a more cohesive course of action between the district Vice Presidents and the other officers of the organization, particularly in the field of membership.

The next bulletin of the Association will be a form of questionnaire addressed to all members of the Bar in West Virginia to ascertain their opinions in respect to the West Virginia Law Review, the fundamental purpose being to increase subscriber interest and to enhance the value of the publication. In its true perspective the success and betterment of the Law Review depends upon the critical reaction of the lawyers of West Virginia; to this end the questionnaire is directed, and the Executive Council respectfully requests that the answers to all propounded questions be entered in the provided form and that the same be returned with the least possible delay.

It was the privilege of the President to attend the National Conference of Bar Presidents, held in Chicago on February 16 and 17, 1957. During the two day session panel discussions were conducted

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on subjects of extreme interest to the profession. A few of the most noteworthy were those on Court Congestion, State Conferences of local Bar Presidents (what is being done and what might be done), the proposed Jenkins-Keogh legislation, and the latest development in Lawyer-Referral Practice and Theory. A highlight of this meeting was an address on "American Bar Foundation" by Hon. David F. Maxwell, President of the American Bar Association.

Members of the Association are reminded of the Annual Meeting to be held at The Greenbrier, August 29 to September 1, 1957. This should be one of the most interesting and successful sessions in the history of our organization. Early reservations should be made directly or through the office of the Secretary.

Walter F. Ball.